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<u>U.S. Patent</u>	<u>Date of Issuance</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
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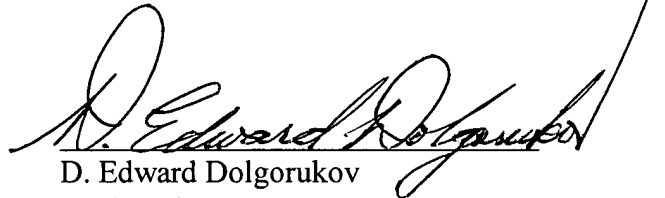
Other Prior Art
None.

Copies of the above-noted foreign. patent documents are enclosed, along with IDS Form PTO/SB/08A. The prior art documents were cited in the International Search Report (copy attached as Exhibit A) completed by the European Patent Office on October 26,2001, The International Preliminary Examination Report (copy attached as Exhibit B) completed by the EPO on November 27, 2002 in the corresponding International Application No. PCT/EP01/06419, priority of which is claimed, and an English Translation of a German Patent and Trademark Office action (attached hereto as Exhibit C) in related German Application Ser. No. 100 39 363.2-43. The above documents serve as Applicant's statement of relevance.

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It is requested that these references be fully considered and made of record in this case.

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